

Supreme Court of the United States in two cases, in one of which it had declared unconstitutional a law enacted in New York State designed to abolish unhealthy conditions in bakeshops. Of this decision Eoosevelt said,; "The decision was nominally against State rights, really against popular rights. Such decisions, arbitrarily and irresponsibly limiting the power of the people, are of course fundamentally hostile to every species of real popular government. " He was accused of "attacking the courts/<sup>5</sup> and in a later speech at Syracuse, New York, on September 17, 1910, and in an article in the *Outlook*^ of which he had been a contributing editor since leaving the Presidency, he explained fully his first utterance, citing in defense of his course the words of Lincoln in regard to the Dred Scott decision: "I believe the decision was improperly made, and I go for reversing it." He quoted also the dissenting opinion of three Justices of the Supreme Court in the Bake Shop case\*

Another address which aroused even more bitter criticism was that made on August 31, 1910, at the dedication of the John Brown battlefield at Ossawatimie, Kansas, under the title of the "New Nationalism." In this he reiterated the views which he had held when he was President in regard to governmental regulation and control of corporations, and in regard to labor and capital and other subjects. One passage in particular was sharply criticized as an " attack on property." It was:

"The true friend of property, the true

conservative, is  
he who insists that 'property shall be the  
servant and not  
the master of the commonwealth; who insists  
that the  
creature of man's making shall be the servant  
and not the  
master of the man who made it. The citizens of  
the United  
States must effectively control the mighty  
commercial  
forces which they have themselves called into  
being."

Writing to Senator Lodge, on September 12,  
1910, in  
regard to the criticisms, he said:  
" Now what I said about the courts. This  
was suggested